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Menands Bridge Will Not Close August 2nd

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(July 30, 2004- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian and City Councilwoman Carolin Collier, C- district 6, announced Friday that the Menands Bridge, an entrance and exit into South Troy, will not close this Monday.

A current New York State Department of Transportation sign on the bridge says the bridge will close on Monday, August 2nd. The sign however, is meant to alert motorists that the bridge in front of Montgomery Ward's, entering Menands, will close instead. Tutunjian and Collier said they have received numerous calls about the bridge closing, and wanted to clarify any confusion.

"The way the sign reads, I thought the bridge was closing as well," Tutunjian said. "DOT has assured me that the Menands Bridge is not closing, and it did not mean to cause any confusion."

Tutunjian and Collier also expressed thanks to Rensselaer County Sheriff Jack Mahar for his work on the Menands Bridge recently with the alternative sentencing program.

"The bridge looks much better, and I appreciate the work Sheriff Mahar and his alternative sentencing program did on one of our major gateways," Collier said.

"Improving our gateways is integral in reinforcing the positive image of our City," Tutunjian said. "Our thanks go out to Sheriff Mahar for doing his part in helping our Troy in a different way."